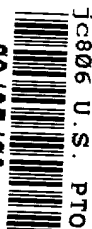


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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 381KA/50959

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Fumihiko OKAI and Hiroshi KURODA

entitled: **VEHICLE CONTROL APPARATUS**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 19 claims (pages 1-31, plus title page).
2. 10 Sheet(s) of X Formal Informal drawings showing Figs. 1-10
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**Executed - 4 pages**)
4. X Application Data Sheet.
5. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
6. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 2001-217515 filed in Japan on 18 July 2001, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee							
Total Claims	<u>19</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$ 9/18 = \$
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Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280 = \$
Total Filing Fee							<u>\$1,412.00</u>

Checks in the amount of \$ 1,412.00 for X filing fee and \$ 40.00 for X assignment recording fee are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381AS/50959). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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